

A DEMAND of assignment has been made upon C. T. Jette, grocer, Montreal. He owes about \$3,500.

"JAMES," said the grocer to his new boy, "haven't you got anything to do now?"

"No, sir."

"Well, ketch some more flies an' stick 'em on the fly paper in the window."

Six of the leading Ottawa lumber firms give employment in summer to upwards of 5,600 men, and in winter to about half this number. Estimates place the total number of hands engaged on the limits of the Ottawa river at 15,000.

MR. F. WILEX, of Brantford, writes us correcting the paragraph in a recent issue to the effect that he had applied to the town of Galt for a bonus to erect a winery mill. He is in negotiation with Paris, not Galt.

Of the 43,357,197 lbs. of tea exported from Yokohama and Hiogo to North American ports during the year ending with 30th April, 10,228,594 lbs. was carried by the C.P.R. steamship line, and sent east via Vancouver by the C.P.R.

ONE of the best known and oldest wholesale grocery firms in Halifax has suspended payment. We refer to Esson & Co., whose stoppage is said to be due to a refusal by their bankers to grant further advances. The liabilities are placed at about \$150,000.

A MONTREAL grocer named J. B. Raby has assigned to the Prothonotary. He commenced business five years ago, and has been found pretty slow all along. Liabilities foot up to \$7,279, very respectable figures for a comparatively small retail man like Mr. Raby.

H. THIBODEAU, of Victoriaville, Que., who commenced business two years ago without any capital of moment, has come to grief, having been served with a demand of assignment at the instance of a Montreal creditor. Liabilities are \$2,788, assets apparent about \$1,900.

ACCORDING to the Halifax Recorder, that harbor is unusually bare of shipping, to such an extent that it is commented upon by the habitués of the wharves. One remark heard is, "You will see several times as much sail today in several of the other ports of the Province."

GERMAN merchants are very much exercised over a law recently passed which prohibits the use of boxes containing food products consisting wholly or partially of lead, or with the lining containing more than one per cent. of that metal. It goes into operation on October 1, and the penalty for its violation will embrace a fine and the confiscation of the goods.

MANITOBA farmers were sadly short of threshers for their big crop of last year. And indeed, they had none too many reapers. This year, however, they have taken time by the forelock and ordered freely. The Harris works of Brantford, for example, have made 4,000 machines this season and have sold every one.

SHIPMENTS of coal for last month from the twin ports of Nanaimo and Departure Bay were, says the Free Press, the largest yet attained in the history of coal mining in Nanaimo district. The total amounted to 40,158 tons, loaded into twenty-six vessels. This does not include the provincial trade, such as supplies to the local steamers, and the home consumption of the province.

A CHICAGO grocery clerk has got himself into trouble by writing on a postal card the following message: "Call at once at our office and pay your grocery bill." The call was not

made on the clerk, says an exchange, but on the postal authorities, who had the smart young man arrested for violation of the postal laws.

A WYOMING (Ont.) man has been varying the business of keeping hotel by going very largely into gardening. He has about 50,000 heads of beautiful celery for the market this season.

It is seen from the second annual statement of the Gratuity Fund of the Toronto Board of Trade, that the sum of \$8,542 was disbursed on account of deaths which occurred during the year. The report says that in every important respect the anticipations of the promoters of the scheme have been fulfilled.

THE egg combine bears hard on the local dealers in and around Guelph, outside the combination, and the prices and candle operations, says the Mercury, are down so fine that they are practically shut out of the Toronto market. Mr. James Morrison is shipping from Guelph 100,000 eggs, the first consignment of an order for 300,000, to a firm in a neighboring city which ships direct to New York.

For the past five months a man named Slingerland has been detained in a debtor's cell at Simcoe on a claim, by a London creditor, of \$400. Becoming embarrassed in business about two years ago he attempted to conceal some of his stock, and a capias was issued. Having now transferred his land in Michigan, which he had previously refused to do, his discharge from jail was the other day ordered by Justice McMahon.

THE Perth Expositor says: There is considerable excitement along the line of the Kingston and Pembroke Railway owing to phosphate finds. Boyd Smith's mine at Eagle Lake has turned out the largest vein now in the Dominion. A vein twenty feet wide has been discovered, from which 100 tons per day are being shipped. There is nothing in the Buckingham district to equal it. Between ore and phosphate the Kingston and Pembroke country is becoming very valuable.

IN Philadelphia last Saturday tomatoes were selling at 2 cents per basket. A South Second street commission merchant sold 40 baskets of choice New Jerseys for 80 cents. It took two men the greater part of a day to pick them, the farmer consumed half a day in driving to market, and after paying 8 cents for commission had just 72 cents left for himself.

DEALER—Those two-dollar-and-a-half jersey shirts don't seem to sell well at all! Clerk—No, they don't; everybody says \$2.50 is too high for them; that they can buy 'em cheaper other places. Dealer—Well, put some in the window and mark them \$2.75. Clerk—\$2.75? Dealer—Yes, \$2.75—for one day only—the "one day only" will catch 'em.—Detroit Free Press.

THE Grand Lake Coal Company is to apply for letters patent. Its chief place of business is to be Chipman, Queen's County, N.B. The capital stock is \$200,000, and the applicants are: Louis G. DeBertram, M.D., New York; Thomas M. Williamson, Bucouche, Kent Co.; Edward W. Clark, jr., Edward E. Denniston, C. Ford Stevens, and John P. Ilsey, of Philadelphia.

A NEW YORK merchant, whose life was made miserable by the visits of travelling salesmen, has invented a scheme for out-manœuvring the fraternity. At his store door, under a big hand which points up a carpeted stairway, is the legend: "Entrance for salesmen." The stairs wind, but the way for drummers is pointed out by another hand at the head of the

stairs. The salesman who follows its mute directions is presently confronted by two more. One points down a stairway, and the other points out into the street.

THE N.Y. Bulletin notes in connection with the first trip of the "City of New York" the interesting fact that her cargo included 600 bales of cotton from Liverpool, a part of the first extensive shipment returned to this country in many years. Such have been the results of the manipulation of cotton for August delivery that several thousand bales are said to be on their way back from England, and a larger quantity is ready to follow.

A LONDON stationer, J. T. Lively by name, has assigned.—It is said of Joseph Mead, a furniture dealer of Mount Albert, that he gave a good deal of his time to the Salvation Army, of which he is a prominent member. The only apparent salvation for his creditors was for him to assign, and this he has done.—The bailiff is in possession of the stock in trade of J. H. Berry, a dealer in tinware in Toronto.—Gibson & Ball, tailors, and Patterson & Co., milliners, also of this city, have assigned.

THE Michigan Central and Lake Shore Roads have issued a new tariff on dressed beef and live stock to go into effect Aug. 20. It advances the rate on dressed beef from its present basis of 7 cents per 100 pounds to 25 cents, Chicago to New York, and 30 cents to Boston and Philadelphia. The new rates on cattle will be 13½ cents to New York, 16 cents to Boston, and 23 cents to Philadelphia. The advance it is said is just sufficient to enable the railroads to handle the business without actual loss.

OWING to the destruction of immense numbers of beaver on the Athabasca River and its tributaries during the past winter and spring, the output this season, says the Edmonton Bulletin, will be very greatly decreased, and it will be some years before it can be expected to come up to the old figure. Some trappers say that the diminution is due to disease; others, that owing to dry seasons the streams on which the beavers build were so low that during last winter the dams in which their food is stored under the ice froze to the bottom and prevented their getting at it, thereby starving them to death.

MUCH surprise is expressed at the failure of A. E. Rondot, general storekeeper at Amherstburg. He has the reputation of being a good business man and was thought to have been making money. His liabilities are stated at \$25,000. The estate will probably pay about 50 c. on the dollar.—After a year's trial R. J. Butler, a general trader at Uxbridge, has assigned. He was never in a good financial shape.—An assignment has been made to

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